

# This Week at HOPE June 19, 2024



## Exploring Juneteenth by Pastor Annie Ladnier

Today, June 19th, is known as Juneteenth. It commemorates the day in June of 1865 when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas finally received word about the Emancipation Proclamation which had been signed by Abraham Lincoln on January 1 of 1863. For over two years, people were illegally held in slavery, despite their freedom being granted to them. On Juneteenth we celebrate their liberation. As Christians we are a people of liberation and so we are called to celebrate our collective liberation as children of God.

Nationally touring artist, educator and graduate of Luther Seminary, Joe Davis, wrote a wonderful piece on Juneteenth that I have linked here (I shared last week how we were able to hear him present to us at this year's Synod Assembly). He interweaves God's story with the story of his ancestors to remind us that we worship a God of liberation.

### Living Lutheran Article by Joe Davis

Dr. Dianne R. Browne is the guest author for today's ELCA Racial Justice blog as well. In it she shares about the beauty of the word *sankofa*, a word from the Akan people of Ghana which means "learning from the past to move forward in the future." You can read her article here:

### Juneteenth: An Intergenerational Conversation

#### **A prayer for Juneteenth:**

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# This Sunday!

A festive event poster for "Celebrate Hope" at Hope Lutheran Church. The background is a light yellow color with scattered confetti in various colors. The text is centered and reads: "YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE HOPE SUNDAY • 23 JUNE, 2023 WORSHIP: 10:00AM 11:00-1:00 FOOD TRUCKS, GAMES, BOUNCE HOUSE & FUN FOR THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD! HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 3337 KINGSBARN AVE, RIVER FALLS, WI". The poster is decorated with illustrations of an ice cream truck, a kite, balloons, a bounce house, and a food truck with a mustache on its sign. There are also musical notes scattered around the text.

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# CELEBRATE HOPE

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3337 KINGSBARN AVE, RIVER FALLS, WI

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Did you know that the 2019 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA called for the ELCA to develop a social statement on civic life and faith, the relationship of church and state, and related matters?

The ELCA has multiple social statements which serve as our “primary documents to address significant social issues. They are intended to aid reflection, shape conscience and set forth the ELCA’s teaching and policy on the major social issues and questions of contemporary life. Social statements are developed by task forces, using an established process of study and widespread participation across the church to guide theological and moral deliberation” (from elca.org). In 2023 the task force for this social statement issued a 6-session study for public feedback that informed this Draft Statement on Civic Life and Faith. Now, in the summer of 2024, congregation and synods are invited to study and provide feedback on the draft statement. Our next adult forum will provide a platform for discussion on this statement. Please join us on Sunday, July 14th for this discussion and opportunity to provide feedback.

To access the draft statement and more information on providing feedback click this link:

**[ELCA’s Draft Statement on Civic Life & Faith](#)**

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Property Ministry is in need of volunteers this summer to mow HOPE's lawn and to help weed and maintain our flowers.

You don't need to have a green thumb or landscaping knowledge. All you need is to be willing to drive the mower or be willing do some light weeding and maintenance in the garden. Any time you can give will be much appreciated.

There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church, you can also call or email Doug or Susie Rudesill :

Doug - [rudesill@comcast.com](mailto:rudesill@comcast.com) Phone 715-410-7789

Susie - [psrudesill@gmail.com](mailto:psrudesill@gmail.com) Phone 715-808-3095

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## **Pastor Annie is out of the office June 24-30th!**

Rev. Sarah Schaffner will preside at worship on Sunday, June 30th.

For any pastoral care emergencies please contact:

Rev. Melissa Hrdlicka (Joy Lutheran, Prescott) at 920-676-7439

Pastor Melissa lives in River Falls and is happy to assist you!

Pastor Annie welcomes your prayers for safe travels to South Carolina to visit family!

## **Meals Needed! Sign Up Here**

Congregational Life Ministry has set up Meal Trains for John & Karen Hamilton and Gwen & Ed Paulson. If you wish to contribute sign up here.

[Hamilton Meal Train](#)

[Paulson Meal Train](#)

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# YOUTH NEWS



FREE  
ADMISSION!

## A POOL PARTY WITH HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

08.03.23 | 6:15-7:30 PM | GLEN PARK POOL | ALL ARE WELCOME!

Treats provided!

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VBS & Children's Musical with First Congregational Church!!

**CHRISTIAN ART**  
**STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!**  
Carl Huneke, CC BY-SA 4.0

**July 29-Aug 1**  
**9:00-11:30 AM**  
Age 3-completed Grade 5

First Congregational UCC  
110 N 3rd St. River Falls  
715-425-2052

**TO REGISTER VISIT:**  
[www.firstchurchrf.org](http://www.firstchurchrf.org)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**NO CHARGE!**

VBS is free and open to all community children. Join us!  
Registration forms can be [FOUND HERE](#)

**Dinner and a Presentation: August 1, 6:30PM**

**RESCUE IN THE NIGHT: THE STORY OF DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN**

**CHILDREN'S MUSICAL**

**DINNER & SHOW: Aug 22, 6:30 pm**  
**REHEARSALS: Aug 19-22, 9:00 AM-Noon**  
**AGE: Completed Kindergarten - Grade 6**

**ALL ARE WELCOME! NO CHARGE! TO REGISTER VISIT: [WWW.FIRSTCHURCHRF.ORG](http://WWW.FIRSTCHURCHRF.ORG)**  
First Congregational United Church of Christ | 110 N 3rd St. River Falls | 715-425-2052

**Dinner and the Show: August 22, 6:30PM**

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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
2024  
POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**STERLING PONDS PARTY**  
**8.06.24**  
**5:30-8:00PM**

Bounce Houses, Balloon Art, Face Painting,  
FREE Meal, Raffle Prizes, Ice Cream Truck, 50/50  
Raffle, Live Music, Games, donation collection,  
local Fire/Police/EMT & More!!!

HOPE LUTHERAN

HOPE Lutheran Church, 3337 Kingsbarn Ave, River Falls

The poster features a dark blue background with a pattern of white, red, and blue stars. On the left, there is a large graphic for "National Night Out 2024" with the text "POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS" below it. The main text on the right announces the "STERLING PONDS PARTY" on "8.06.24" from "5:30-8:00PM". A red box contains a list of activities: "Bounce Houses, Balloon Art, Face Painting, FREE Meal, Raffle Prizes, Ice Cream Truck, 50/50 Raffle, Live Music, Games, donation collection, local Fire/Police/EMT & More!!!". The HOPE Lutheran logo is in the bottom left, and the church address is at the bottom.

*Holy Yoga*

**FOR BODY, MIND & SPIRIT**  
WEDNESDAYS, 6:00PM  
JULY 17- AUG 21, 2024

*Outdoor Yoga Engaging the Psalms*

bring a yoga mat, water bottle, & yourself!  
Cost: FREE WILL offering

3337 KINGSBARN AVE  
WINDS OF THE SPIRIT PAVILION

The HOPE Lutheran logo is located in the bottom right corner of the poster. The background is a gradient of yellow and green, with a rolled-up purple yoga mat on the right side.





Synod Women's Organization of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

# Summer Retreat St. Croix Valley Conference

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Saturday, August 17, 2024

Ezekiel Lutheran Church

202 S 2nd Street, River Falls, WI

(on street parking only)

<p>\$15 Admission Fee (includes program and lunch)</p>	<p>8:30am - 9:15am Registration and Coffee</p>	<p>9:15am—11:30am - Event Lunch to Follow</p>
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## The Kids Are Not OK:

*“The effects of cell phone use on adolescents mental health and what families can do about it”*

***Lynne Silva-Breen, MDiv, MA, LMFT***

*Lynne was an ELCA Pastor in Wisconsin and Minnesota for 20+ years before returning to graduate school. She obtained her degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and has just recently retired from her practice in Burnsville, Minnesota.*

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All are invited & needed  
to participate in the leading of worship!  
Please prayerfully consider sharing y  
our time and talents!

**SIGN UP HERE**

Want to help but not sure what the job entails?  
Learn more in our [Worship Volunteer Guide](#)

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All are invited to join Pastor Annie for this weekly small group conversation and Bible study!

This is a great chance to grow in relationship with God and one another.

Discussion time includes group check-in, opening meditation, and study of the week's worship texts.

We meet via Zoom so all can join from wherever you are!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88419155061?pwd=di9hUXlraeDdzM0dCK0pPMDNtbHczZz09>



### **CHANGE IN EGG SALES**

Going forward, if you would like to purchase eggs in support of HOPE's Youth Ministry, please contact Karen Rodewald at 715-222-2551.

You can either pick them up at HOPE or come to our farm at 249 State Rd 65 River Falls.

This will ensure the freshest eggs for you!

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## **Please lift up the following people in prayer**

Brad Hermann (Friend of Pastor Annie)  
Jerry Sather Family (Brother of Karen Hamilton)  
Woody Fangmeier (Friend of Jeff & Karen Rodewald)  
Family of Kermit Paulson  
Marcus Stack (Friend of Steve & Karen Kaste)  
Janet Cudd (Friend of Jeff & Karen Rodewald)  
Jeremy Martinson (Brother-in-Law to Elise Forward)  
Mary Alice Jones (Martie Guthrie's mother)  
Family of Teajai Schmidt (relative of the Boocks)  
Jacob Dan and family (Friends of Jeff Rodewald)  
Karen Hamilton  
Patricia Miller (Sister of Carl Warren)  
Rhiannon Bondhus (Niece of Bondhus family)  
Lori Snyder (Friend of Nancy & David Peters)  
Ed and Gwen Paulson  
Randy Dopkins (Family friend of Olive Olson)  
Eden Annoye (Relative of Debra James)  
John Weller (Cousin of Karen Brohaugh)  
Dave and Deb Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)  
Phyllis and Tom Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)  
Fatma Aljarrah (Friend of Faye Perkins)  
Beth Lindgren Family (Dan Malaney)  
Michael Jacobson (Brother of Linda Jacobson)  
Barb Carmichael (Friend of Nancy Sailer)  
Dennis & Sandy Schultz (Friends of Bill & Kay Montgomery)  
Nancy Miller (Friend of Paula & Phil Klacan)  
Linda Shurden (Friend of Nancy Sailer)  
Joyce Kendall (Mother of Cara Getschel)  
Hannah Forward  
Amanda Olson (daughter of Olive Olson)  
Ella Conover (Phil & Paula's Klacan's Niece)  
Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock)  
David Boock (Relative of the Boocks)  
Teajai Schmidt (Relative of Boock family)  
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi)  
Gary Siebold  
David Hendrickson

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## June Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Leila Jiskra	01-Jun
Cara Getschel	2-Jun
Carol Knudsen	5-Jun
Russ Jiskra	6-Jun
Peter Nelson	7-Jun
Naomi Brandt	9-Jun
Elizabeth Rodewald	14-Jun
Eric Rodewald	14-Jun
Louie Bernard	15-Jun
Mark Ziebarth	15-Jun
Ainsley Neuhaus	17-Jun
Denise Burkett	26-Jun
Douglas Rudesill	26-Jun
Jack Stang	27-Jun
Daniel Malaney	29-Jun
Hannah Forward	29-Jun
Edward Paulson	29-Jun
Jaxon Jiskra	29-Jun
Steve Meyer	29-Jun



## June Baptisms

Shane Bondhus  
Erik Eaton  
Martie Guthrie  
Sean James  
Gary Siebold  
Luke Stang  
Leila Jiskra



	Date	Celebrating Years
Larry & Lynda Meyers	06/05	42
Douglas & Susie Rudesill	06/07	44
Joe and Connie Kurten	06/11	53
Mark & Lisa Ziebarth	06/12	37
Bill & Kay Montgomery	06/17	63
Joseph McIntosh & Faye Perkins	06/18	39